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Microsoft settlement.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft has been dragging on for too long. Government should stay out of the economy and let private businesses fail or succeed on their own. Reference your correct approach to the Enron problem. I am happy to see that Microsoft is not being broken up, but I am appalled that nine states still want to bring further litigation.

The terms of the settlement are more than fair. They force Microsoft to disclose internal interfaces and design future Windows versions so that Microsoft competitors can more easily promote their own products. They also require Microsoft to form a three-person team to monitor compliance with the settlement.

It is in our nation's best interests, our economy's best interests, and our people's best interests to make the settlement a reality. We cannot afford to have our industries' leaders hindered by expensive and lengthy litigation. I ask your office to take the appropriate steps towards rectifying a mess that has been years in the making.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Stobart", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Stobart